

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-0170-E - ORDER NO. 2000-0427
MAY 11, 2000

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas) ORDER APPROVING
Company for a Certificate of Environmental) PRELIMINARY SITE
Compatibility and Public Convenience and) PREPARATION
Necessity.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for permission to begin preliminary site preparation at the site of the installation of two 150 MW, combined cycle gas turbines at SCE&G's Urquhart Plant in Aiken County, South Carolina.

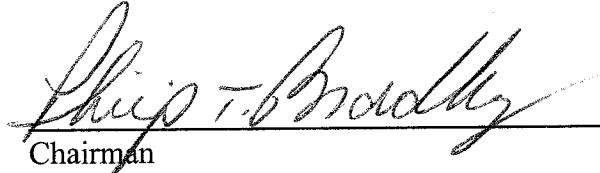
SCE&G states that in order to timely begin construction in September, the Company needs to establish its site, storm water runoff systems, and roadways, to include the installation of the underground storm water system, and the relocation of a fire water main. The preparation would also include installation of underground process lines.

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-110(7) allows the Commission to approve preliminary on-site activities. These are undertaken at the Company's own risk. The Company recognizes and acknowledges that if approval is given by the Commission for such preparatory work, such permission in no way indicates approval by the Commission of the facility applied for, and the Company proceeds with such preparatory work at its own economic risk.

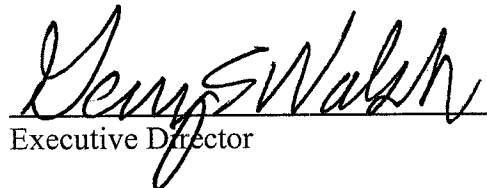
Permission is hereby granted for the Company to begin preliminary site preparation as described in the Company's Petition. Such preparation appears to us to be reasonable under the circumstances. Obviously, our decision today in no way indicates our approval of full construction of the facility. We will decide if such approval is appropriate after a full hearing on the matter. The Company proceeds with its preparatory work at its own economic risk.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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